IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT
**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE A.GOPAL REDDY**
**WRIT PETITION NO : 11032 of 2004**

Between:

1 Gunturu Babu Ganesh, H/M, S/o Sankara Sastry, MAA TV. District Reporter, Durga Nilayam, Dudekula Vari Street, Eluru-1, West Godavari.
2 Tata Sreeramamurthy, H/M, S/o Venkateswararao, Vaartha Staff Reporter, Subbamma Devi High School Road, Near Ramamahal, Ramachandraraopet, Eluru-2, West Godavari.
3 Polimetla Moses Babu, Christian/Male, s/o Rajaratnam, Correspondent, Vissa T.V.News, Near Rice Mill, Duggirala, Eluru Rural Mandal, West Godavari.
4 Madhyahnapu Srinivasa Rao, H/M S/o Chandra Rao, Andhra Prabha Staff Reporter, Opp.Ramamahal, Kasturi Vari Street, R.R.Pet, Eluru-2, West Godavari.

**..... PETITIONERS**

AND

1 The District Collector & District Magistrate, Eluru, West Godavari District.
2 The Govt., of A.P., rep., by the Principal Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.

**.....RESPONDENTS**

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue a writ, order, or direction, more particularly one in nature of writ of mandamus calling for records pertaining to Roc.No.E2/572/1997 dt.17-5-2004 on the file of 1st respondent and the set aside the same as being illegal and violative of BSO-24 and other Board Standing

Orders and consequently direct the respondent to select genuine Journalists of Eluru Press Forum, Eluru, West Godavari District after giving due publicity and opportunity to all the Journalists of the Eluru Press Forum, Eluru, West Godavari District regarding allotment of House Sites to the Journalists under Journalists Quota.

**Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.B.SUDHAKAR REDDY & NEERAJA REDDY**

**Counsel for Respondents: GP FOR REVENUE**

**The Court at the admission stage made the following :**

**ORDER**:

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Government Pleader for Revenue. Both have expressed their no objection for disposal of the writ petition at the admission stage.

The only grievance of the petitioner is that the District Collector through proceedings dated 17-5-2004 directed the Mandal Revenue Officer, Pedavagi to grant Acs.1.96 of land in favour of 24 journalists of Eluru Press Forum, as mentioned in the said order, without verification of their eligibility.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that they are all having house sites and other properties and are not eligible to be allotted house sites. The petitioners also made a representation in this regard to the first respondent, but the first respondent did not take any action.

In view of the same, the District Collector, first respondent herein is directed to consider the representation said to have been filed by the petitioners, and pass appropriate orders after due intimation to them.

Accordingly the Writ Petition is disposed of at the admission stage.

**A. Gopal Reddy, J.**

20th September, 2004.
Js.

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

To
1 The District Collector & District Magistrate, Eluru, West Godavari District.
2 The Principal Secretary, Government of A.P., Information & Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
3 2 CCs to G.P. for Revenue, High Court Buildings, Hyderabad.
4 2 CD copies.